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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

September 7, 2016

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The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

Members Present: Mike Egan (Chair), Rob Elflin, Ian Harrington, Kelvin Mason, Jeff Ratliff-Crain (XO), Lisa Seidlitz, Lendol Calder, Gillian Lederman, Mamata Marmé, Christopher Strunk, Rachel Weiss, Amanda Wilmsmeyer.

Members Absent: SGA members (have not yet been appointed).

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library

I. MINUTES

Motion – Mike Egan moved **“to approve the minutes of the August 31st meeting as submitted.”** Mamata Marmé seconded.

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 24TH MEETING AS SUBMITTED.

Ann Miller will file the approved minutes with Mary Koski in Academic Affairs.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

Consent agenda item FYI 103 – (Biebel), was reviewed online by the members of the committee and approved. No further discussion was needed at the meeting.

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE FYI 103 – (BIEBEL).

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. PUBH 250 – (Hann)

The instructor of PUBH 250, in consultation with her Department Chair, has decided not to seek PS and D for Winter 2016-17. She may re-submit her proposals Spring Term.

IV. Spitball Folder in Google Drive

* Mike Egan created a folder under “Gen Ed” using the term “Spitball,” coined previously by Rob Elflin, to record playful thoughts and random musings regarding how the new Gen Ed. program might look. This is an outlet for brainstorming and is pressure-free.

V. Draft Faculty Survey

*Mike Egan presented an online draft of survey questions regarding Faculty priorities for a General Education System at Augustana. Ensuing discussion included questions regarding whether or not the survey questions were too broad or narrow, whether the language was clear, and whether the questions were universal enough to be applicable to all disciplines. Mike Egan typed alterations to the survey questions as the changes were being proposed by the group.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS and DISCUSSION

1. Jeff Ratliff-Crain announced that there was still time to submit material to be included in Fall Term Symposium Day.
2. Mike Egan announced he would finalize the Faculty Survey and distribute it before Saturday, Sept. 10. He would give faculty until noon on Wednesday, Sept. 14 to respond to the survey, and hence a discussion of the survey data can begin during Gen Ed's next meeting. He will also share information about the survey and request participation during the full faculty meeting on Sept. 8.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Miller